

City of Corunna
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, April 7, 2003

Present: Corey, Jessen, Johnson, Mehigh, Runyan, Sanderson, Wagner.

Absent: Joe Sawyer (excused).

Guests: John Fattal; Jackie Leone, The Argus Press; Judy Horton; Janet Washburn, Parks and Recreation Director; Shirley Sanderson; Scott Johnson, Fire Chief; Roger Rathbun; Chief Mark Hetfield, Police Department; Helen Granger, The Independent; Gary Bulemore; Dan Hess; Mike Miscoski; Gary Granger; and other concerned citizens.

The meeting was called to order in the City Council Chambers by Mayor Corey at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING: Johnson moved, Sanderson seconded to approve the regular meeting minutes dated March 17, 2003 as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Wagner, Johnson, Sanderson, Runyan, Jessen, Mehigh.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Mehigh moved, Sanderson seconded to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Flag Presentation and Item No. 11) Consider City Attorney's Attendance at the Next City of Corunna and Caledonia Charter Township Joint Fire Agreement Meeting.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Jessen, Runyan, Mehigh, Wagner, Johnson, Sanderson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS: Runyan moved, Mehigh seconded to approve the vendor disbursements as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Runyan, Wagner, Jessen, Sanderson, Mehigh, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

PROCLAMATION HONORING CORUNNA HIGH BASKETBALL TEAM: Mayor Corey read and presented a proclamation to coach John Fattal and team members Dan Hess and Mike Mosciski from the Corunna High Basketball Team in recognition of the basketball team's accomplishments during the 2002-2003 basketball season.

FLAG PRESENTATION: Councilperson Gene Sanderson presented Janet Washburn with a new flag for in the front of the community center. Mayor Corey thanked the Corunna

Veteran of Foreign Wars for putting up the yellow ribbons throughout town in support of our troops.

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR APRIL 21, 2003 AT 7:15 P.M. TO CONSIDER AMENDING

THE REFUSE ORDINANCE 03-04: Runyan moved, Wagner seconded to set a public hearing for April 21, 2003 at 7:15 p.m. to consider amending the Refuse Ordinance No. 03-04. Mayor Corey advised the ordinance amendment would eliminate back door pick up and the use of the alleys for trash pick up. He further advised the ordinance would also allow trash pick up to be picked up one day a week in the entire city. Councilperson Sanderson suggested sending a notice to the garbage companies regarding the proposed changes. Councilperson Mehig stated maybe the city could ask the garbage companies to make a small presentation.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Sanderson, Mehig, Johnson, Jessen, Wagner, Runyan.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF SCOTT JOHNSON AS FIRE CHIEF: Wagner moved,

Mehig seconded to approve the re-appointment of Scott Johnson as Fire Chief until execution of a new fire agreement or until such time as Council may choose to revoke the authority granted to the Fire Administrative Board to administer the fire department. Councilperson Mehig stated Scott Johnson has done an outstanding job and he cannot think of a better man for the job.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Mehig, Jessen, Runyan, Johnson, Sanderson, Wagner.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

7:15 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING-CONSIDER ADOPTION OF UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE

ORDINANCE NO. 03-01: Johnson moved, Runyan seconded to leave the regular session and to enter a public hearing to discuss amendments to the Uniform Traffic Code Ordinance No. 03-01.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Johnson, Sanderson, Wagner, Mehig, Runyan, Jessen.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:15 p.m.

Mayor Corey read Ordinance No. 03-01. Chief Mark Hetfield advised this was the same ordinance that was adopted before but with correct section numbers. Mehig moved, Wagner seconded to close the public hearing and return to the regular session.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Wagner, Johnson, Sanderson, Runyan, Jessen, Mehig.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:19 p.m.

Wagner moved, Johnson seconded to adopt the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 03-01

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CORUNNA BY AMENDING CHAPTER 74 – TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, ARTICLE II. – UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE, TO AMEND SECTIONS 74-56, ADOPTION AND 74-57, REFERENCES IN CODE, WHICH IS THE ADOPTION BY REFERENCE OF THE: UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE FOR CITIES, TOWNSHIPS, AND VILLAGES, TO ADD SECTION 74-59, PENALTIES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

I. AMENDMENTS TO CORUNNA CITY CODE, ARTICLE II. UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE, OF CHAPTER 74, shall be as follows:

Sec. 74-56. Adoption.

~~The Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships, and Villages promulgated by the commissioner of state police and published in the 1979 edition of the Michigan Administrative Code and amendments as published in the Quarterly Supplement No. 5 to the 1979 edition of the Michigan Administrative Code, in accordance with Act No. 62 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1956 (MCL 257.951 et seq.), as amended, is hereby adopted by reference as modified in this article.~~ **The Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships, and Villages as promulgated by the director of the Michigan Department of State Police pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328 and made effective October 30, 2002, and all future amendments and revisions to the Uniform Traffic Code when they are promulgated and effective in this state are incorporated and adopted by reference.**

Sec. 74-57. References in code.

References in the Uniform Traffic Code for ~~Michigan~~ Cities, Townships and Villages to ~~the term a~~ “governmental unit” shall mean the ~~city~~ **City of Corunna**.

Sec. 74-59. Penalties.

The penalties provided by the Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships, and Villages are adopted by reference.

II. NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED AND COPY AVAILABILITY.

The city clerk shall publish this ordinance in the manner required by law and shall publish, at the same time, a notice stating the purpose of the Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships, and Villages and the fact that a complete copy of the code is available to the public at the office of the clerk for inspection.

III. CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND PORTIONS THEREOF REPEALED.

All Ordinances previously adopted and inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed, and in the case of inconsistencies, to the extent of such inconsistency, are hereby repealed.

IV. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take effect pursuant to the Corunna City Charter, immediately upon publication hereof.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Jessen, Runyan, Mehigh, Wagner, Johnson, Sanderson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO THE SOFTBALL COMMISSION: Jessen moved, Wagner seconded to appoint Renee Holbrook to the Softball Commission to serve at the pleasure of the Council for a period to begin upon the taking of the oath of office and continuing indefinitely.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Runyan, Wagner, Jessen, Sanderson, Mehigh, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER SUPPORT FOR THE SHIAWASSEE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PARTNERSHIP: Mayor Corey advised there is a movement by a few state legislatures to cut general funds for economic development. There will still be federal grants, but it was his understanding that the grants cannot be used to hire bodies. He further advised this movement could be a real blow to the local economic development since there would not be any support from the state. There was some talk about the state moving the money from the economic development to the Merit Scholarship program. He also advised the motion is to instruct the city manager to look at supporting our local economic development in the budget process. Mehigh moved, Jessen seconded to support the efforts of the Shiawassee Regional Chamber of Commerce in their launching of the Shiawassee Economic Development Partnership and request that the City Manager make every effort to include financial support for the Shiawassee Economic Development Partnership in the City Manager's 2003/2004 budget recommendation in the amount of \$2.00 per capita. Councilperson Sanderson stated he hoped this does not jump up to \$5.00 or \$6.00. Mayor Corey advised council has the option to decide what amount to budget. This is merely a request to look at this for budgetary purposes.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Sanderson, Mehigh, Johnson, Jessen, Wagner, Runyan.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER SUPPORT FOR MAGNET: Mayor Corey stated he went to a meeting attended by township supervisors, mayors, and other officials in the county and was informed that MAGNET, which is the county's undercover drug program, has dissolved. Unfortunately, there were not a lot of people at the meeting. He further stated MAGNET's operational budget was funded through forfeitures and drug seizures, which

was down. The personnel came from the sheriff's department, City of Owosso, state police and at one point, Gratiot County. He also stated there were problems during the budgetary process of the governments like there is everywhere and the combination of these two things brought an end to MAGNET. Mayor Corey advised the drug situation in this county is no different than any other county and drugs are related to all kinds of crimes such as breaking and entering, larcenies, and home invasion. He further advised there was some concern from the officials at the meeting that it is necessary to restart MAGNET in this county. All the counties around us with the exception of Gratiot County are involved in their own drug programs or multi-county drug programs. He also advised he thought it was important that the entire county be involved. Everything is contingent upon MAGNET getting the personnel and the money would not be given unless the operation is up and running. Councilperson Mehigh stated Undersheriff Keith Kewish felt it was extremely important to get MAGNET back in operation because it makes it much easier to get convictions. Chief Hetfield stated it was true that drug problems create all types of crimes. Some of the drug cases are the worse things in the world to get prosecuted and when there are specialists keeping track of the drug cases, it makes it easier to prosecute. Mayor Corey stated people at the meeting asked for statistics and Chief Hetfield has tried to get those. Mayor Corey further stated he met with Sheriff Wilson to get some statistics, but since MAGNET was dissolving, an annual report was not completed. Mayor Corey also stated Sheriff Wilson would put the statistics together, and hopefully, the city would get them within a day or two. Councilperson Johnson stated she did not mind the MAGNET team, but everyone is hurting for money and suggested offering MAGNET another way to go such as offer them an office in the building. Mayor Corey advised the state police has offered to allow MAGNET to operate from their office. Councilperson Sanderson asked if Gratiot County would come back if MAGNET was restarted. Mayor Corey advised that would depend on the board. Councilperson Johnson asked who was on the board. Mayor Corey advised he did not know exactly but he thought the people doing the presentation were on the board. Councilperson Sanderson suggested getting a former officer to come in and explain how everything works. Mayor Corey advised he was sure Jon Wilson would come in as soon as it is determined there would be personnel. Councilperson Runyan stated the city council is obligated to look at the safety and health of the citizens in this city and he did not think \$3,400 would cause the city to go broke. Mehigh moved, Jessen seconded to support the efforts of MAGNET in reducing illegal drug use and trafficking in Shiawassee County and request that the City Manager make every effort to include financial support for MAGNET in the City Manager's 2003/2004 budget recommendation in the amount of \$1.00 per capita. Councilperson Mehigh stated the amount might change at budget time. Councilperson Sanderson stated the State of Michigan will give thousands of dollars to put a bathroom in a park but the state will not give money to fight drugs, which he did not understand. He asked Mayor Corey to run that by Larry Julian and Mr. Garcia the next time he talks to them. Mayor Corey advised Councilperson Sanderson that he was just as capable to talk to Mr. Julian and Mr. Garcia as he was. Mayor Corey suggested sending Mr. Julian and Mr. Garcia emails because the more emails they get the more responses there will be.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Mehigh, Jessen, Runyan, Sanderson, Wagner.

No: Johnson.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EVENT AGREEMENT WITH SHIABRUCK FOR MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL IN MCCURDY PARK AUGUST 2-3, 2003:

Runyan moved, Mehigh seconded to approve the event agreement with Shiabruck for a Medieval Festival in McCurdy Park August 2-3, 2003. Councilperson Mehigh stated he supported the motion to get the item on the table, but Shiabruck has not provided all of the information that the city has requested so it was his preference not to approve this. Councilperson Runyan advised he wanted to state that he, even though he made the motion, was not supporting the motion he made to approve the event agreement with Shiabruck for a Medieval Festival. Mayor Corey advised the concern is when a favorable motion is made the person making the motion is not supposed to speak against the motion that was put on the table for discussion.

Roll call vote:

Yes: None.

No: Johnson, Sanderson, Wagner, Mehigh, Runyan, Jessen.

Motion DEFEATED

CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR THE DESIGN OF THE CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE

(CMI) PAVILION: Johnson moved, Mehigh seconded to approve the CMI Pavilion design as proposed.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Wagner, Johnson, Sanderson, Runyan, Jessen, Mehigh.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER AWARDING ELECTRICAL BID FOR THE OLMSTED FAMILY LIBRARY

COMPLEX RENOVATIONS: Johnson moved, Mehigh seconded to award the bid for electrical work in the Olmsted Public Library Complex to Ludington Electric as presented for the amount of \$13,700 to be divided among the Library Board and City of Corunna as appropriate with the Corunna portion to be paid for from the Municipal Building Fund.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Jessen, Runyan, Mehigh, Wagner, Johnson, Sanderson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER AWARDING MECHANICAL BID FOR THE OLMSTED FAMILY LIBRARY

COMPLEX RENOVATIONS: Mehigh moved, Sanderson seconded to award the bid for mechanical work in the Olmsted Public Library city portion to McLaren Heating & Cooling as presented for the amount of \$7,100 for the installation of a 7.5 ton Lennox rooftop heating and cooling unit to be paid for from the Municipal Building Fund.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Runyan, Wagner, Jessen, Sanderson, Mehigh, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER CITY ATTORNEY'S ATTENDANCE AT THE NEXT CITY OF

CORUNNA AND CALEDONIA CHARTER TOWNSHIP JOINT FIRE AGREEMENT

MEETING: Councilperson Mehigh stated he did not think it was fair for the city manager to defend himself at these meetings. Councilperson Johnson stated she would like an attorney present for morale support for Mr. Sawyer and she would pay more for an attorney versed in this area. Councilperson Mehigh stated he felt the city's attorney should be at the meeting unless the city wants to spend a lot of big bucks to get a specialist in this field, which he felt was not needed. Councilperson Runyan stated he felt Councilperson Mehigh brought up a very good point. If there are some legal things that have to be judged, Mr. Sawyer is capable of doing this, but Mr. Sawyer is not an attorney and cannot interpret the law. Councilperson Runyan further stated if anything should happen at the meeting, there would be an attorney there to take care of the situation. Councilperson Sanderson stated if the city goes to another attorney, Mr. Burlingame might tell council in the future to find some expensive dude the next time and this might hurt the city. Councilperson Sanderson further stated he did not feel the negotiations would come down to a battle of attorneys because he thought Mr. Sawyer was very capable of taking care of this situation. Councilperson Johnson agreed but stated Mr. Sawyer is at the meeting wearing the hat of the city manager and not the city manager/attorney. Mayor Corey stated he did not think the situation was anyplace for an attorney and he did not think the township's attorney offered any legal advice or did anything to enhance the negotiations. If the township's attorney is going to be at the next meeting, then it would be appropriate for the city to have an attorney there as well. He further stated he could not see any attorney giving a legal opinion in the middle of a meeting. The ultimate goal is to get a fire agreement. Councilperson Mehigh agreed with the mayor. If the township does not bring their attorney, the city does not need to bring an attorney because Mr. Sawyer can mentally match anyone around. He further stated for Mr. Sawyer's sake, the city should have Mr. Burlingame at the meeting if the township brings their attorney. Mr. Burlingame works for the city very economically and the council should show him the respect by asking him to be at the meeting, and the city needs to be careful about how the city treats Mr. Burlingame too. Councilperson Runyan stated if a motion is made, the motion should be contingent on the township's attorney being present. Mayor Corey stated Mr. Sawyer has provided excellent leadership on the fire agreement and has presented a very good proposal. Mayor Corey further stated council has one more council meeting before the negotiation meeting and suggested waiting to make a motion until that meeting. Runyan moved, Mehigh seconded to table this item until the next regular scheduled meeting.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Sanderson, Mehigh, Johnson, Jessen, Wagner, Runyan.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Roger Rathbun stated he would like to pick up a copy of Ordinance No.

03-04 before the next meeting. Mayor Corey advised he did not think anything was written yet. The city is looking at changing garbage pick up from back door and alleys to curb side and to have garbage picked up one day a week. He further advised there would be garbage cans all over the city if trash companies came into town every day of the week. In exchange for eliminating back door and alley pick up, there should be a rate

reduction because the trash collectors have stated they need to charge more because they have to go the back door and alleys. He also advised the city would pick the day that everybody who services Corunna would have to pick up garbage. Mr. Rathbun further stated he took the liberty to find out that large garbage trucks are licensed to carry 73,000 pounds, which amounts to 36 and one-half tons, and a one-ton pickup is licensed to carry 8,000 pounds, which is about four tons. Mayor Corey advised one of the problems is that garbage trucks pick up their wheels when they are supposed to put them down, which puts the weight on two axles when the trucks are turning corners and stopping. There was discussion about only allowing one-ton trucks on local streets. Mr. Rathbun stated when he was with the school, there was a gentleman's agreement that school buses would only be run on certain streets because most of the streets were not set up to handle the heavy buses. Chief Hetfield advised there are some streets set up as a truck route and there are other streets in the city that no trucks can go down. Unfortunately, garbage trucks are an exception. Mr. Rathbun stated that is the city's problem. The city has spent a lot of money repairing streets, but the city is allowing the streets to be torn up. He further stated he had a comment about item numbers five and six. The people in Lansing had all kinds of money, which they managed to blow. The state cries that it is poor and starts transferring the responsibility and the burden back to the local community. He also stated it looks like the city council is transferring this one step further to the local citizens. He spoke with Councilperson Mehig and advised him that the city should spend its money on water, streets, fire, police and ambulance protection. Mr. Rathbun further advised the city needs to be prudent with its money; he would have a hard time considering item number five and number six because item number five is clearly a political pass down.

Gary Bulemore stated he was told that there would be discussion about the Relay for Life using McCurdy Park. He spoke with Mr. Sawyer about some of the issues and was told this would be discussed. Mayor Corey advised this item was not on the agenda but council would be happy to listen to what Mr. Bulemore has to say and asked if he had requested to use the park this year for Relay for Life. Mr. Bulemore advised he was asked to work there and to call city hall and ask some questions. He spoke to Janet Washburn and was told that tents could not be put up in the inner circle this year. He further advised he was pretty clear on where parking was allowed. He also advised Relay for Life requested the use of the bathrooms in the basement of the community center and was told that the bathrooms could not be used this year. Mr. Bulemore stated the Relay for Life was told they could get the key to the community center after the breakfast on Saturday, but the Relay for Life would like the key earlier so they can set up. He further stated the Relay for Life also requested being able to use fire pits that are not on the ground, and to decorate the evergreen trees with Christmas lights next to the gazebo, which has not been answered yet. Mayor Corey asked when the Relay for Life would be held. Mr. Bulemore advised May 16 and 17. Ms. Washburn advised she talked to a Mrs. Langtry who asked if the Relay for Life could put up a fence along the front drive along with the trailers, vendors and everything else. Ms. Washburn stated she told Ms. Langtry that the Relay for Life was turning into a camp, which was not the city's intent. Ms. Washburn further stated she told Mrs. Langtry she would send her a map and asked Ms. Langtry to draw on the map exactly where everything would go and once she received the map back, she would discuss the situation with the city council. Ms. Washburn also stated all she got back was a sheet of paper telling her where the Relay for Life wanted to

put a fence, which she had already had a discussion on. The reason this item was not put on the agenda was because there were too many issues that needed to be discussed with Ms. Meyers. Ms. Washburn advised the community center has a breakfast Saturday morning and is rented out in its entirety for the whole day after the breakfast for a wedding so she cannot commit to letting anyone else use the community center. She further advised she told someone that the park had new bathrooms, which were not around last year. She spoke to Mr. Sawyer and he felt there were enough adequate bathroom areas in the park instead of using the bathrooms in the community center. Mayor Corey asked if there was a problem with decorating the evergreen trees. Ms. Washburn advised no and there are electrical outlets available that can be used. Mayor Corey stated there is apparently a lack of communication going on. Mr. Bulemore advised Ms. Washburn told him that the trees could not be decorated. Ms. Washburn advised she did not know if the trees could be decorated or not. Mayor Corey stated it sounded like a little more communication was needed between Ms. Washburn and the person heading up the event. There is plenty of time to get the information to the city council at the next council meeting. He asked Mr. Bulemore to designate one individual to sit down and talk to Ms. Washburn before the next council meeting.

Judy Horton asked if the pine trees were the ones in front of the gazebo or in front of the community center. Mayor Corey advised this was something she would have to talk to Ms. Washburn about. Ms. Horton stated there was discussion at the last council meeting or the meeting before about the possibility of having one garbage company. Mayor Corey advised no one has spoken to anybody. Someone had a conversation with somebody from another town that had one company and the rumor was that it cost the residents \$5.50 or \$6.00 per month. Councilperson Sanderson stated once a questionnaire is mailed to the garbage companies then the city council can narrow down what the city is looking at. Mayor Corey stated he did not think there was anyone in Corunna paying \$5.00 or \$6.00 per month, but if someone offers a low bid and it is cheaper than what anyone is paying now, this might be the way to go. Ms. Horton asked what would happen to the local streets if there was only one truck coming into town? Mayor Corey advised it would be better to have one truck come into the entire city instead of having five trucks going down the same road. He does not know what the answer is, but the city just put five and one-half miles of road in the city. Councilperson Mehig stated there was also discussion about letting people drop out if they did not want to be involved. Mayor Corey stated the city was only getting information about having garbage picked up one day a week and going to curb side pick up. Ms. Horton asked if the companies with the big trucks have small pickups. Mayor Corey advised some do. The question is whether the city can regulate the local streets. Chief Hetfield advised the police department weighed one of the garbage trucks the other day and the truck was carrying about six and one-half tons of garbage. Mayor Corey asked what the total weight was. Chief Hetfield advised about 56,000 pounds and the truck weighed about 36,000 or 37,000 empty. Mayor Corey asked if the truck was from Waste Management. Chief Hetfield advised yes. He further advised Waste Management has 446 customers in Corunna and they pick up garbage in the city on Monday.

Ms. Washburn stated there have been articles in the paper about arsenic in the wood, which was used to build the playscape. She reported she called the playscape's consultant and was told there is no problem nor was there anything life threatening. She

further reported the federal government was not recommending tearing down any structures that have already been built.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: Councilperson Mehigh thanked Mayor Corey for getting the city a new flag that has been flown over the United States Capital building.

Councilperson Jessen stated he did not feel lawyers were needed for the fire agreement. The city has made a proposal and there seems to be very little to talk about. He further stated his personal position was here is the agreement either take it or leave it.

Councilperson Runyan thanked Mayor Corey and Councilperson Sanderson for the flags. Councilperson Runyan advised the city should get a counter proposal from the township before the next joint meeting and hopes this happens. If not, he agrees with Councilperson Jessen.

Councilperson Wagner stated if the city does not get a counter-agreement then he does not think there should be another meeting because he thought the last meeting was a waste of time.

Councilperson Johnson agreed with Councilperson Wagner and stated she felt council was blindsided as soon as council walked into the meeting and she hopes this does not happen again.

Councilperson Sanderson stated for once Corunna has the power with the fire agreement and Corunna is going to use it. He further stated there was paperwork passed out to council before the meeting and asked each councilperson to return the paperwork to the messenger and then the messenger can return the paperwork to the person who sent it because he was not interested.

Councilperson Runyan stated the city's reimbursement mileage rate needs to be adjusted to coincide with the Internal Revenue Service and asked that this item be put on the next agenda.

Mayor Corey stated it would be to Corunna's advantage to have a fire agreement, but he is hoping there will be some counter proposals to deal with. He further stated he does not fully expect the township to agree with the agreement 100 percent, but he is hopeful the township will come back with something positive before the next meeting.

Councilperson Mehigh advised he spoke to Tom Wazny and the townships big hang up is the rent cost. Councilperson Mehigh further advised he spoke to Mr. Sawyer last Friday and suggested reducing the rent for two percent of the wastewater. Mayor Corey advised Mr. Wazny was supposed to meet Mr. Sawyer on Friday, but the meeting never happened. Councilperson Mehigh advised Mr. Wazny did not call Mr. Sawyer back. Mayor Corey advised Owosso Charter and Caledonia Charter Township's are having a public hearing on April 22 to discuss their water plant. The meeting will be held at the Nazarene Church on S. M-52. Mayor Corey further advised he received some disturbing news at the conference he attended over the weekend. He spoke to a lady by the name of Pat Lockwood, who was appointed to the Michigan Department of Transportation Commission, and was informed that the state was going to use 2004 money for the 2003

projects. He also advised he told Ms. Lockwood that Corunna was supposed to be on the bridge list but the bridge did not get bid out because the state did not have any money. Ms. Lockwood is supposed to check to see if the city is on the bridge list. If the city is not on the list, it would be helpful if the entire council would send emails to the city's state representative, state senator, governor and to the Michigan Department of Transportation. Mayor Corey stated he would be willing to draft a letter for council. Councilperson Mehig stated he talked to State Senator Valde Garcia a week ago and State Senator Garcia thought the city was on track. Mayor Corey further stated he thought everyone needed to stay on top of this.

ADJOURN: Jessen moved, Johnson seconded to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Mehig, Jessen, Runyan, Johnson, Sanderson, Wagner.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 8:45 p.m.

STEVE COREY, MAYOR

YVONNE F. LONG, CITY CLERK